[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

the land on account of which some of the tax payers may not be in a position to pay the tax. That is a fact which cannot be doubted and which is not open to question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): There is an increase of 35 percent in Mavelikara this year. Is this not an unprecedented increase and what is it to due to?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I must say that it is due to the fault of the tax-payers themselves. The Tax payers did not pay their tax in time and the Revenue Department had no other go but to issue demand notices.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government tried to ascertain the reason for such a large increase?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not ascertained the reason. The member wanted information only in respect of the number of demand notices issued in 1105 and 1106.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When the Government found such a large increase in the number of demand notices issued this year as compared with the previous year, did they not make an enquiry why there was such an increase?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government had no time to do that. The interpellation was received and sent to the Land Revenue Commissioner for report. The Commissioner has sent a report to Government on the basis of which this answer was prepared. There was no time for the Government to ascertain what the particular reason was for this increase in the number of demand notices issued this year.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, am I to understand that this fact was brought to the notice of the Government only by this question?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether this increase is not due to the fact that the Dewan Peishkars and the Tahsildars had issued instructions that coercive steps should be taken without showing any indulgence whatever in case of default of payment of tax?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*); That is always the case. When tax is not paid, demand notices are usually issued as per rules on the subject.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My question is whether any special instructions were issued in the year 1106 for taking coercive steps without any indulgence?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information on that point.

Bridge across the Wadai canal, Alleppey.

49. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) the number of years that have elapsed since sanction for constructing a bridge at the western end of the Wadai canal near the Timber Depot was given ;

(*b*) the years in which provision was made for its construction in the Budget ; and

(*c*) the reasons why the work has not been begun till now (25-11-1106) ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The estimate for the bridge has not been sanctioned so far

(*b*) 1102 M. E.

(*c*) As two other bridges over the same canal which are more urgently required are under construction,

Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, B. A., the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools on leave ; and

(*b*) whether his juniors were given promotions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman commenced on the 1st Edavam 1089.

(*b*) No substantive promotions have been given to any of his juniors.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Poovar.

51. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the necessity for a bridge over the Neyyar at Poovar, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a long-standing public demand for the same ;

(*b*) whether the Road Board has considered or recommended the necessity for a bridge there ; and

(*c*) whether they have received any report from the Chief Engineer regarding the same ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether any action was taken either by the Government or by the Chief Engineer since the recommendation of the Road Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No, the Chief Engineer has promised to inspect the place at an early date and submit his report. The Road Board has given this bridge only the eleventh place in the list which brings to the notice of the Government the importance of the several works.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from the member whether Government will be pleased to call upon the Chief Engineer to submit his report ?

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